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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, our Stronghold and Provident Protector, on this May 15, designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, we turn to You with great gratitude and heartfelt petition. Today, we pay tribute to all the men and women who serve in law enforcement across this Nation. We thank You for calling them into public service and ask You to be close to them always.

In a special way we commend to You, Lord, our Capitol Police. Each day, with courtesy and professional care, they guide and protect all who work here on Capitol Hill with all our guests and visitors. Willing to stand between us and all that could harm us, they serve with dignity and excellence.

Bless them, Lord, their families and friends. Answer their prayers and reward them for their selfless efforts on behalf of others. They are the shield You provide, and they maintain Your gift of peace on Capitol Hill.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SOLIS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 6022. An act to suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6051. An act to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 16, 2008.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minutes on each side.

### NEW DIRECTION FOR AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, yesterday this House passed a bipartisan, veto-proof farm bill strengthening American agriculture.

We successfully voted to ease the strain of rising food prices and to make a substantial commitment to land conservation and to our farmers. I want to give special recognition to Chairman COLLIN PETERSON for his leadership and for his visit to Missouri to hold an agricultural forum where we have over 100,000 farms, the second most of any State in the country.

Since first being elected, I have been working with local schools and parents to implement a Healthy Kids Initiative. I'm proud that this farm bill helps schools provide healthy snacks to students, with over \$1 billion for more nutritious, locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

And for the first time, fruit and vegetable producers, including the wine

producers of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, will benefit from more than \$1.3 billion for new programs that support research, pest management, and trade promotion.

To make the transition from home-grown biofuels from the Midwest and away from dependence on fossil fuels from the Middle East, the bill creates new tax credits to promote the production of cellulosic biofuels.

Thank you, Chairman PETERSON, and all those who supported this new direction for American agriculture.

### BLACK CLOTH OF SACRIFICE

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today, the badges of American peace officers are draped with the black cloth of sacrifice in honor of those killed in the line of duty protecting America's people.

Even though Congress has not yet passed legislation this year to designate today, May 15, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, this is the day we remember America's peace officers.

Today at 1 o'clock in the afternoon in front of the Capitol, thousands of peace officers and families of the fallen will pay tribute to those who wear the badge and those who gave their life so that others could live.

Peace officers are the last strand of wire in the fence between the law and the lawless, between the people and the barbarians, between good and evil.

Almost 20,000 peace officers have been killed in the line of duty in the United States. 60,000 a year are assaulted. Nearly 1 million peace officers vigilantly, faithfully patrol our streets, neighborhoods and rural communities and cities. We owe them our heartfelt respect and gratitude.

Madam Speaker, peace officers who wear the badge are, as my dad used to say, "A cut above the rest of us."

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